

## **FISCAL NOTE**

### **HB 3990 - SB 4107**

March 4, 2008

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Increases from 17 to 19 the membership of the Judicial Selection Commission. Increases from three to eight the number of members to be appointed by the Speaker of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives. Reduces from six to four years the length of term for Commission members and prohibits a member of the Commission from reappointment. Requires the Commission to submit a list of applicants, designated as “qualified” or “not qualified” for a judicial vacancy to the Governor within 60 days. Requires Governor to select an applicant for the vacancy and submit such name to the Senate for confirmation. Requires the nominee to be approved by a majority vote of the Senate.

### **ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

#### **Increase State Expenditures - \$3,000**

#### Assumptions:

- Increasing the number of persons on the Judicial Selection Commission will increase the expenses associated with the additional members. Expenditures vary from year to year depending on the number of vacancies that occur during a fiscal year. Based on the total expenditures of the Commission since FY05-06, the average expense per member is \$1,482. The increase in state expenditures with the additional two members is estimated to be \$2,964 (\$1,482 x 2).
- Any cost associated with Senate approval of the nominee can be accommodated within existing resources.

### **CERTIFICATION:**

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James W. White, Executive Director

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